

# AUTOMOBILE ROAD SKILLS TEST INSTRUCTIONS

August 1, 2003 (Front)

## At the beginning of the test:

Michigan Department of State procedures **require** that I read the following instructions to **every** applicant. This skills test is completed in two (2) parts. The first part consists of evaluating your basic control skills and the second part consists of evaluating your driving skills. You must pass the basic control skills before advancing to the driving test.

## Basic Control Skills:

During these exercises, you will be assessed a point each time your vehicle is on or crosses over any exercise line or hits any of the cones. You will be assessed a point each time you stop and change direction of your vehicle. You will also be scored on the position of your vehicle at the end of each exercise. I will give you directions as we go along. If you see me raise my hand like this (**examiner raises hand, straight up, palm out**)—stop your vehicle. If you have questions anytime during the test, please ask.

## Forward Stop:

When I signal you to begin, drive forward and stop with the front bumper of your vehicle close to, not on or over the solid line between the cones ahead (**examiner shows illustration**). During this exercise, you may not lean out the window to see better. When you are finished, put your vehicle in “park” and tap your horn to let me know you have completed the exercise. Do you have any questions?

## Sight-side backing:

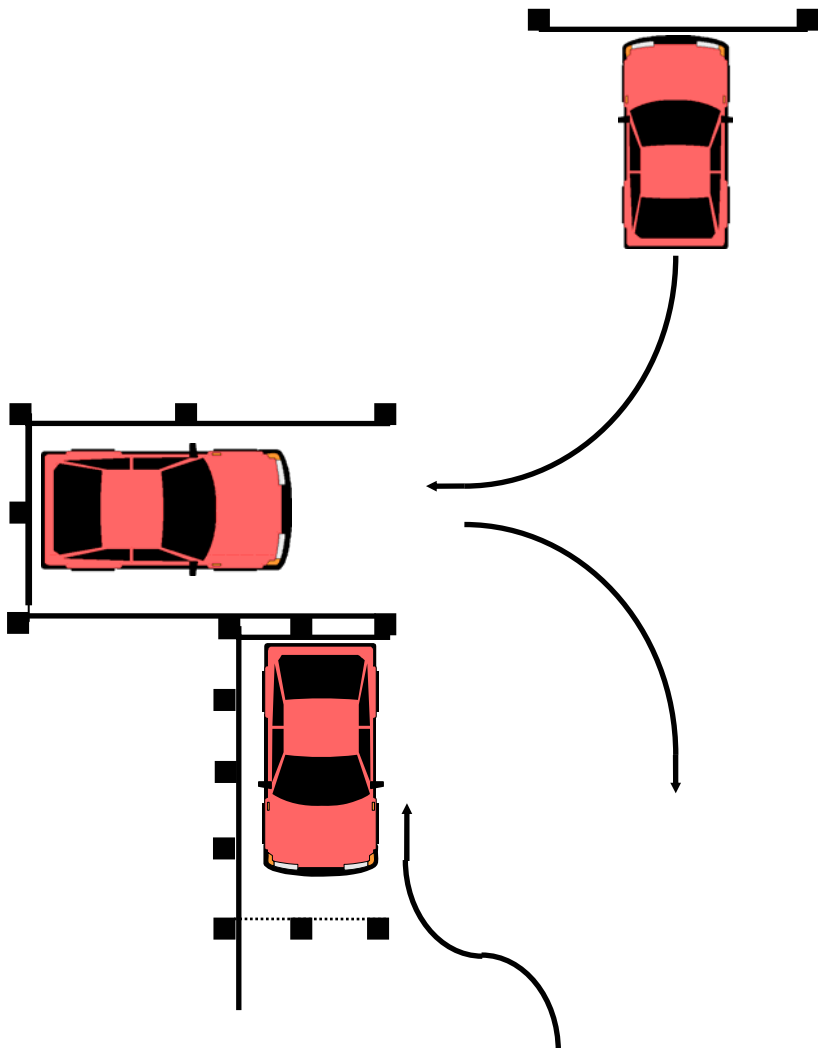
When I signal you to begin, back your vehicle on a curved path completely into the sight side parking space. Try to finish the exercise with the back bumper of your vehicle close to, but not on or over the back line (**examiner shows illustration**). During this exercise it is okay to look out your window while backing into the space. When you are finished, put your vehicle in “park” and tap your horn. Do you have any questions?

## Right turn:

Drive forward and turn right out of this space. Stop your vehicle when you are in position to back into the blind side parking space (**examiner shows illustration**). To set yourself up for this exercise, you may reposition your vehicle without penalty. Tap your horn to let me know you are ready and wait for further instructions.

## Blind-side backing:

When I signal you to begin, back your vehicle completely into the blind side parking space. Your vehicle does not have to be centered in the space (**examiner shows illustration**). When you have completed this exercise, put your vehicle in “park” and tap your horn. Do you have any questions?



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## Driving Test:

During the driving test, I will give you directions as we go along. I will tell you where to turn well in advance. I will not ask you to do anything illegal or unsafe. During the test, I will be marking the test form. This doesn't necessarily mean you have done anything wrong. It is best for you to concentrate on your driving. Try not to worry about what I am doing. Throughout the test, please make your traffic checks obvious to me by moving your head.

Somewhere on the route, I will ask you to **explain** the procedures you would use to avoid a head-on collision with an on-coming vehicle. You will **not** be required to demonstrate these procedures.

The driving test is about \_\_\_\_ miles long and should last approximately \_\_\_\_ minutes. As a final caution, it is **very important** that you drive safely, obey all traffic laws, and make your traffic checks obvious.

Before we begin, do you have any questions?

## Crash Avoidance:

Please explain the procedures you would use to avoid a crash if an on-coming vehicle were heading directly at us in our lane.

To avoid hitting an on-coming vehicle, you may have to hit a fixed object on the side of the road. What is the safest object to hit, and what is the best way to hit it?

## Lane Changes (Urban and Expressway [or Rural] Actual/Simulated):

When it is safe to do so, change lanes one lane to your left.

**If simulated:** Please explain every procedure you would follow if you were to make a lane change to the left.

When it is safe to do so, change lanes one lane to your right.

**If simulated:** Please explain every procedure you would follow if you were to make a lane change to the right.

## Turn On Fan (or Radio):

**Fan:** At this time, turn your fan switch on.

**Radio:** At this time, turn your radio on.

At this time, turn your fan switch off.

At this time, turn your radio off.

## Railroad Crossing (Simulation):

I'd like you to imagine that the (**landmark**) ahead is a railroad crossing. At this location, please demonstrate and/or explain every procedure you would use to safely cross a railroad track.